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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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: GROUP ART UNIT: 3729

SERIAL NO: 09/160,581 ✓

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: EXAMINER: CHANG, R

FOR: A DEVICE FOR CUTTING
OPTICAL FIBER AND A METHOD
FOR CUTTING OPTICAL FIBER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE

Please change the current title to --A METHOD FOR CUTTING AN OPTICAL
FIBER--

IN THE CLAIMS

A clean copy of the claims incorporating any amendment is shown below.

Please amend Claims 5-10 as follows:

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--5. (Amended) A method for cutting an optical fiber, for completely cutting the
optical fiber by moving a cutting blade across the optical fiber, comprising a step of moving

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**CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA)
REQUEST TRANSMITTAL**

Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing
(Only for Continuation or Divisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(d))

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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d)
(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number **09/160,581**
filed on **SEPTEMBER 25, 1998** entitled **A DEVICE FOR CUTTING OPTICAL FIBER AND A METHOD FOR CUTTING OPTICAL FIBER**

- ☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
- ☒ **A Preliminary Amendment w/ Marked-Up Copy is enclosed.**
- ☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53 (d)(4)
 - ☐ DELETE the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:
 - ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
- ☐ A new power of attorney or authorization of agent (PTO/SB/81) is enclosed.
- Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed:
 - ☐ PTO-1449
 - ☐ Copies of IDS Citations

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		BASIC FEE			\$710.00
		TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS			\$710.00
		<input type="checkbox"/> Reduction by 50% for filing by Small Entity			\$0.00
TOTAL					\$710.00

6. Small Entity Status:

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

7. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check is enclosed, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **15-0030**.

☒ If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136 for the necessary extension of time in the parent case. Any fees required for such an extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. **15-0030**.

8. ☒ A check in the amount of **\$1,600.00** is enclosed.

9. ☒ Other: Extension of Time (3 mos.)

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